

REMARKS

Claims 9-16, 27-34, 45-52 and 55 are cancelled. Claims 1-8, 17-26, 35-44, and 53-54 remain in this application and, as amended herein, are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

The above-noted amended claims are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter which applicants consider to constitute the inventive contribution. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In addition, above-noted the revisions to the Specification are submitted in order to clarify and correct the Specification and to conform same to the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which the Examiner may have.

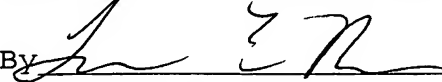
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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